

**Department of Personnel Administration
Memorandum**

TO: Personnel Management Liaisons (PML)

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On May 18, 2011, CalPERS Board approved the contribution rates for the 1959 Survivor Benefit for eligible state employees. The total premium approved for this benefit is \$10.90 for fiscal year 2011-2012. The premium payment for state employees and employers shall be \$5.45 each.

Pursuant to Government Code section 21581(c), the contribution for state employees covered under Government Code Section 21574.7 (1959 Survivor Allowance – 5th Level) is two dollars (\$2) per month as long as the combined employee and employer cost for this benefit is \$4 per month. If the total cost of this benefit exceeds \$4 per month, the employee and employer shall share equally the cost of the benefit.

All eligible state employees who are not covered under Social Security are covered under the 1959 Survivor Benefit – 5th Level.

If you have any questions, please contact Desi Rodrigues, Retirement Policy and Legislation.

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